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SUBJ: PASSAGE OF FRIENDLY KHMER RESOLUTION: SOME MARGINS
OF VICTORY

1. DESPITE INTENSIVE WORK OF OUR ALLIES AND USUN OVER
PAST MONTHS, ON MORNING OF NOV 27 OUR PROSPECTS ON KHMER
REPRESEN-
TATION ISSUE REMAINED UNCERTAIN. WE WERE UNABLE
TO PROJECT EVEN A SLIM MARGIN OF VICTORY, BELIEVING FEW
VOTES COULD TIP BALANCE EITHER WAY. SEVERAL OF OUR
FRIENDS WERE FRANKLY PESSIMISTIC, SO WE INTENSIFIED
ALREADY INTENSE EFFORTS AND SQUEAKED THROUGH BECAUSE OF
FOLLOWING FACTORS AMONG OTHERS.

2. THAI AMBASSADOR WAS OUTSTANDING AS FLOOR LEADER OF
ALLIED TEAM. HE WAS RESOURCEFUL IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH
BAROODY ON FLOOR, AND AT PODIUM HE PROJECTED REASONABLE
MAN AND DEALT VIRTUALLY FLAWLESSLY WITH PROCEDURAL
ISSUES.

3. THREE CRITICAL "YES" VOTES WERE ASSURED ONLY AT
ELEVENTH HOUR. MEXICO'S "YES" VOTES ON PRIORITY FOLLOWED
PERSONAL MEETING BY AMB SCALI AND SENATOR PERCY WITH AMB
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CARCIA-ROBLES AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN RABASA.

DEPT'S QUICK AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM MOROCCO WE WOULD SUPPORT ITS POSITION ON AN UPCOMING SPANISH SAHARA ISSUE ENABLED AMB SCALI TO LOGROLL WITH FONMIN LARAKI IN PRIVATE MEETING FEW HOURS IN ADVANCE OF KEY PRIORITY VOTE. WE THUS GOT MOROCCO'S "YES" VOTES AND, ON PRIORITY, THAT OF TUNISIA, WHOSE DELEGATION HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW MOROCCAN LEAD, IF NOT COMPLETELY.

4. SECY KISSINGER'S LETTERS TO MINISTERS HAD DOUBLE EFFECT. IN ADDITION TO IMPACT ON ADDRESSEES, OUR ABILITY TO REPORT SECY'S PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT TO ALLIES IN NEW YORK REASSURED AND HEARTENED THEM. INDEED, WE BELIEVE JAPANESE INTENSIFICATION OF THEIR TRULY EXTRATRDINARY EFFORTS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED IN PART TO EVIDENCE OF SCY'S CONTINUING COMMITME T AND INVOLVEMENT.

5. JAHIL BAROODY OF SAUDI ARABIA, UNPREDICTABLE AS EVER, CAME FORWARD WITH AMENDMENTS THAT AT FIRST CONFUSED THE ISSUE. THE OPPOSITION OPPOSED THEM. ASEAN AND KHMER FLEXIBILITY, ENDORSED BY US, HOWEVER, PERMITTED GRACEFUL EXPLOITATION OF THE BAROODY MOVE AND BAROODY PROVED GREATLY HELPFUL IN PROCEDURAL MANEUVERING. THIS EXERCISE DRAMATIZED FACT ARABS (AND OIL PRODUCERS GENERALLY) WERE DIVIDED. OPPOSITION EFFORT TO PRESENT KHMER REPRESENTATION AS "NON-ALIGNED" ISSUE WAS SET BACK.

6 WIDELY NOTED ABSENCES OF EGYPT AND GHANA AT VOTING TIME WERE CRITICAL. WHILE SOVIET BLOC VOTED AGAINST US THROUGHOUT EVEN-ING, PASSIVITY OF SOVIET SUPPORT WAS CLEARLY RECOGNIZED BY NON-ALIGNED. MALIK AND DEPUTY ABSENT AND LOWER RANKING SOVIET IN CHAIR.

7. FRENCH, ALTHOUGH INSTRUCTED TO ABSTAIN ON PRIORITY AND SUBSTANCE, VOTED WITH US TO DEFEAT CRITICAL MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.
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